

**LOCAL MULTI AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)
WASHINGTON – (North; West; South and the Galleries)**

Dates of Meetings – (Since last Area Committee):

**Wednesday 5th November 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office the Galleries**

**Wednesday 10th December 2008. 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office the Galleries**

1. Property Crime (including Burglary and Car Crime)

- 1.1 Anti social behaviour / damage at Bowes Railway Museum was first reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting that a site visit had been carried out to allow a Flash-cam to be relocated and the footage checked. There had been issues around the CCTV planning application that had now been resolved and the application was to be re-submitted to Committee.

It was reported at the December meeting whilst there had been no reported incidents at the workshops, youths have been setting fire to the tracks and 2-3 sleepers have to be replaced every few days. A dummy camera has replaced the flash-cam.

An update will be provided at future meetings.

2. Anti-Social Behaviour (including alcohol related crime and disorder and criminal damage)

- 2.1 **A6WASB1** - Anti social behaviour in the Concord area is focused around a specific licensed premises/club and surrounding area and was first reported to LMAPS pre April 2007.

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting after the licensing hearing had been adjourned several times it was scheduled to go ahead on 06.11.08.

It was reported at the December meeting that at the licensing hearing, the appeal had been rejected and due to the premises having restricted opening times the club had closed. Due to the closure all partners agreed to close the issue.

- 2.2 **A6WASB2** - Anti social behaviour in a street adjacent to a Washington school resulted in reports of broken windows. This was first reported to LMAPS in November 2007.

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting that Council owned land had been cleared and as a result reports to the Police had reduced. Due to the reduction in incidents Partners agreed to close the issue.

- 2.3 **A6WASB3** - Anti social behaviour at an address in the Springwell area has remained an issue since January 2008 following a fire at the property.

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting that the family member responsible was engaging well with services and was living between parents and a friend's address. Due to the family now living out of the area all Partners agreed to close the issue.

- 2.4 **A6WASB4** - Anti social behaviour and criminal damage from an address in Washington Village/Galleries area was first reported to LMAPS in January 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting that the family member responsible was engaging well with services and Gentoo had secured an 18-month tenancy demotion. Partners agreed to close the issue in the light of progress and the lack of further reports to the Police.

- 2.5 **A6WASB5** - Residents concerns over of youths using a bus shelter as a goalpost in the Oxclose area were first reported to LMAPS in May 2008

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting the bus shelter positioning had been reversed which had resolved the problem. Partners agreed to close the issue.

- 2.6 **A6WASB6** - Reports of drink related anti social behaviour on a pathway leading to an underpass in the Usworth area were first reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting no further calls had been received.

It was reported at the December meeting that still no further calls had been received, however partners agreed the issue would remain on the agenda for one further month with a view to closing the item if progress was maintained. The Flash-cam unit would remain until required at another location or the problem cease.

An update will be provided at future meetings.

- 2.7 **A6WASB7** - Reports of a neighbourhood dispute resulting in criminal damage in the Concord area was first reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting there had been no further incidents reported so partners agreed to close the item.

- 2.8 **A6WASB9** - Anti Social Behaviour and harassment by a family in the Blackfell area was first reported to LMAPS in October 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting that a family member had been arrested and bailed to appear before magistrates in December 2008 with certain conditions attached.

It was reported to the December meeting that further evidence had come to light and enquiries were still continuing.
An update will be provided at future meetings.

- 2.9 **A6WASB10** - Anti Social Behaviour and harassment by a resident in the Albany area was first reported to LMAPS in October 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting that a person had been charged with common assault and was due to appear before Magistrates in December 2008.

It was reported at the December meeting the offender had been referred to a further multi agency process and Gentoo intended to serve a NOSP (Notice of Seeking Possession).
An update will be provided at future meetings.

- 2.10 **A6WASB11** - Anti Social Behaviour and harassment by a resident in the Oxclose area was first reported to LMAPS in October 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the November meeting that the behaviour of the offender had resulted in wider multi agency referral and interventions.

It was reported at the December meeting that further enquiries were now complete and as there had been no further reports received, partners agreed to close the item from the agenda.

- 2.11 **A6WASB12** – Alcohol related Anti Social Behaviour at a licensed premises in the Concord area that was now being frequented by clientele displaced from A6WASB1 was first reported to LMAPS December 2008.

Latest Action: At the December meeting Police advised the vacuum left by the premises closure at A6WASB1 was being filled by the above persons resulting in complaints being received. An update will be provided at future meetings.

3. Hate Crime

3.1 It was reported 3 incidents of racial abuse had been received.

There were 3 racial incidents reported – racial abuse at Concord; threatening behaviour at a Public House in Albany and racial abuse by youths on bicycles at Blackfell.

4. Domestic Violence

4.1 No issues were reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

5. Drugs Misuse

5.1 No issues were reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

6. Operation Gryphon

6.1 Partners were advised that the number of persons stopped by the Police under Operation Gryphon for anti-social behaviour activities will be provided at each LMAPS meeting and will include the number checked during the previous 10 week period. A “Gryphon” update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

7. Prevent

7.1 Partners were advised that the Police were encouraging all partners and the public to be aware, vigilant and share information respect of anything suspicious concerning terrorism issues. A regular update will be provided at each LMAPS meeting.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS)

No issues were reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

8.2 Youth Initiative

It was reported diversionary work had been approved for action over the Christmas period with further targeted youth work on Friday and Saturday evenings.

8.3 LMAPS Funding

Partners agreed to allocate funding to support a local sporting facility to carry out work with local youths.

8.4 CCTV Cameras

Partners were introduced to the Council Officer who will be responsible for the

management of 3G cameras that are due for deployment early in 2009. Partners were asked to identify 'hotspot' areas where the cameras would be most effective.

8.5 Christmas Initiative

Additional Police Officers will patrol shopping areas to deter shoplifting and handbag thefts in the run up to the festive period.

9. Future Meetings

9.1 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 14th January 2009. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, the Galleries

9.2 Subsequent meeting

Wednesday 18th February 2009. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, the Galleries